

## Make a Horton-Inspired Elephant Nose and Ears

Dr. Seuss's sweet elephant Horton is always faithfully looking out for those around him. Encourage your kindergartener to get to know this beloved children's literature character in celebration of Read Across America Day by fashioning her own pair of Horton-like elephant ears and nose! They're great for pretend play and are sure to spark your child's interest in reading.

### What You Need:

- Paper towel tube
- White paper
- Glue
- String or ribbon
- Scissors
- Hole punch
- 1 paper plate
- Black marker
- 1 headband that fits your child's head
- Tape



### What You Do:

1. Start by making an elephant nose. Have your child create two long slits in the paper towel tube as though to divide it into thirds, but make sure she doesn't cut all the way through. The slits will help make the roll bendable.
2. Have her cover the paper towel tube with the white paper, making sure to put slits in the paper over the slits in the roll.
3. Punch two holes, one across from the other, on one end of the paper towel tube.
4. Cut 2 strands of ribbon about 2 feet in length and tie one strand to each hole.
5. Now make the elephant ears. Have your child cut the paper plate in half. Help her round out the corners and cut edge of the plate halves with scissors to make them look more like elephant ears (see photo above).
6. Have your child place the paper plate ears in front of her so the ridged, curved parts are facing each other. To attach the ears to the headband, add a little glue on the backside of the ears and press them to either side of the headband.
7. Let the glue dry.
8. Once the glue on your headband is dry, have your child use a black marker to add detailing to the ears and nose. Look at Horton's illustration in *Horton Hears a Who!* for inspiration.
9. Help your child put on her elephant ears and nose, then try reciting some of Horton's lines!